

WO-331
Taylor House
Ocean City
Private

c. 1905

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Construction of this impressive frame house is estimated to date to the first decade of the twentieth century after Mary A. Taylor acquired ownership of Lot #54 in November of 1904. The Baltimore Avenue house and lot remained in Taylor family hands until January 1926 when it was sold to Samuel J. Massey. Long-time residents of Ocean City remember this house as the property of Harlan and Minnie M. Perdue, who purchased the house and lot in 1934. Perdue family interests were maintained until 1980.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Taylor House

MHT Inventory Number: NO-331

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial / Urban Dominance

4) Resource Type(s):

(1910 - 1930)

Spanning Structure

1. Town Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-331

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic TAYLOR HOUSE

and/or common PERDUE PROPERTY

2. Location

street & number NW Corner of Baltimore Ave. and Talbot St. ☐ not for publication

city, town Ocean City ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Haskin U. Deeley, III

street & number 103 South Main Street telephone no.: 641-0310

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1495

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 135

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Taylor house is a large two-and-a-half story frame house located on the northwest corner of Baltimore Avenue and Talbot Street in the center of Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The Queen Anne style frame dwelling faces east.

Built around 1905, this large irregularly designed frame house is supported by a raised concrete block foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboards and decorative fish-scale shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a commercial first floor and an enclosed second floor porch. Built with Tuscan columns the porch was built originally with two principal stairs, one fronting Baltimore Avenue and the other on Talbot Street. The front stair has been removed, and the south side stair off Talbot Street has been rebuilt. The porch is now enclosed with a long row of six-over-six sash windows. Distinctive to the enclosed porch is the rounded southeast corner. The third floor carries an uneven appearance with a polygonal tower above the rounded porch bay. The center section of the front third floor wall, covered with fish-scale shingles, curves outward in a slight bow. Single-pane sash windows light the second floor. Projecting from the third floor is a small hip-roofed addition that formerly was a third floor porch. Stretching around the perimeter of the roof under the eave is a detailed bed molding. Resting atop the roof is a hip roof dormer sheathed with fish-scale shingles as well.

The south side of the building is largely covered by the wraparound second floor porch as well as a third floor enclosed porch distinctive for its rounded southwest corner. The cross gable that marks the roofline is trimmed with a sawn bargeboard. A colored glass window pierces the gable front.

The west (rear) facade is plainer than the rest of the house with an asymmetrical fenestration of single-pane sash windows.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart, architectural historian

organization Worcester County date 3/13/90

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state Maryland

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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TAYLOR HOUSE
Baltimore Avenue
Chain of title

1495/135

Talbot Street Joint Ventures

to

10/4/1988

Haskin U. Deeley III, Joan H., his
wife, and Nicholas N. Borodulia,
and Virginia H., his wife

Lot #54 \$28,880

WCL 881/269

James A. Wollam, and Janice G., his wife

to

5/31/1983

Talbot Street Joint Ventures

Lot #54

FWH 702/501

Harlan Perdue

to

4/4/1980

James A. Wollam, Janice G. Wollam

BB 22/33

Samuel J. Massey and Minnie M., his wife

to

11/22/1934

Harlan Perdue, and Sarah M., his wife

SMC 54/231

William Taylor

to

1/2/1926

Samuel J. Massey

ODC 49/357

William A. Taylor

to

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TAYLOR HOUSE
Baltimore Avenue
Chain of title continued

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4/5/1924

William Taylor

Note: William A. Taylor was son of
William and Mary A. Taylor

same lot conveyed to Mary A. Taylor,
deceased wife of William by Robert
C. Quillen, and Harriet L. his wife
together with improvements thereon

FHP 21/525

Robert C. Quillen and Harriet L. his wife

to

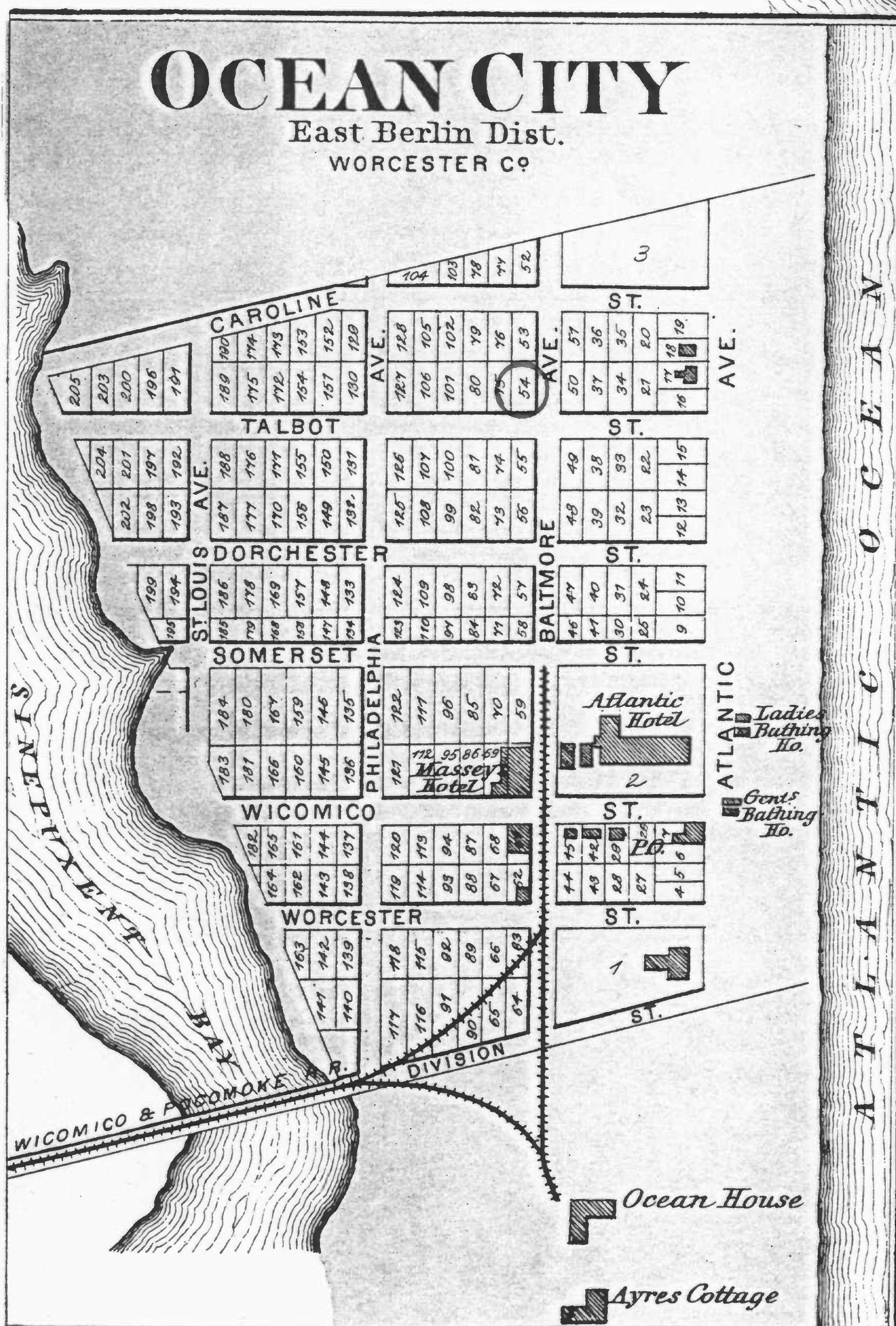
11/11/1904

Mary A. Taylor

Lot #54 \$400

1877 LAKE,
GRIFFING, AND
STEVENSON ATLAS

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TAYLOR HOUSE

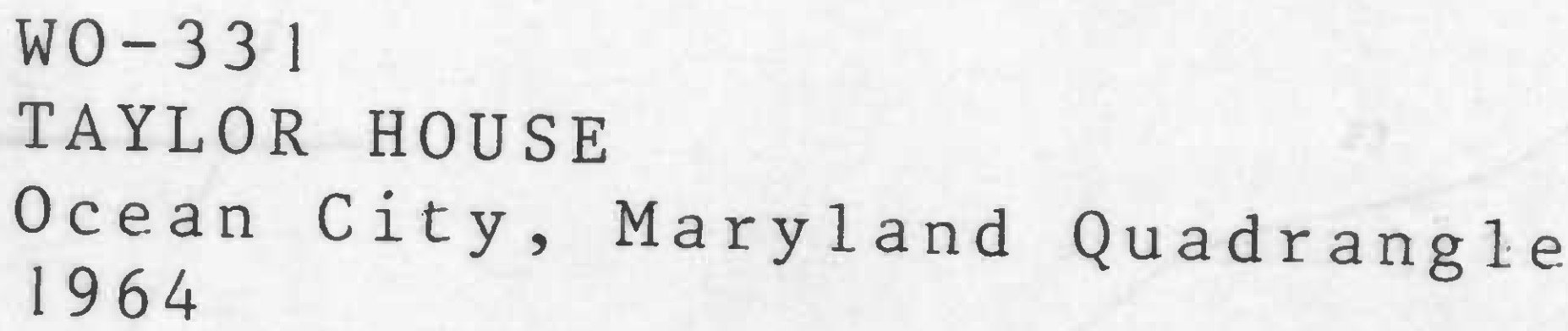


OCEAN CITY BUSINESS REFERENCES.

J. TRACY, Proprietor of Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City; also, of Peninsula House, Salisbury.
SAM'L J. MASSEY, Proprietor of Seaside House, Ocean City, Md. Terms, two dollars per day; ten dollars per week; meals fifty cents each. Liberal arrangements made with families. First-class Bar, Bowling Alley and Livery Stable attached.
COFFIN & LYNCH, Proprietors of the Ocean House, Ocean City.

WHALEYVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

JOHN P. R. GILLISS, Physician and Surgeon.
P. W. DALE & BRO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, &c., &c.
P. WHALEY, Merchant and R. R. Agent.
E. T. WHALEY & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and Notions.
JAMES WHALEY, Judge of the Orphans' Court.
LEANDER CLIFTON, Blacksmith. All work in his line done to order.
J. E. WHITAKER, Proprietor of Whaleyville Steam Saw Mills. Grinding, Sawing and Carding. All work done in good order.



Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle
1964